Transcription

Patriots Awake! Stir Your Stumps!

PATRIOTS AWAKE— Your liberties are in danger! The Legislature has, with indecent haste, called a Convention. Hundreds of voters will not know of the call until it has done its work; and if the designs of the secessionists are accomplished *your* liberties are gone.

Freemen! will you become slaves! That is now the question for you to decide. The chains are being forged! Will you wear them?

Freemen, speak. Cast your vote for one who will stand for the rights of Virginia *in the Union*; and declare your wish at the polls also, that the action of the State Convention shall be submitted to the people for ratification.— Let not ambitious politicians, men who will not fight your battles, men who will burden you with taxes until your substance is eaten out, men who will drag your sons to the battle-field, beguile you. Now is the time, perhaps the last chance, you will have to maintain your freedom and your rights. Freemen! will you be free? will you leave your children free? Answer on the 4th of February.

The star-spangled banner, oh! long may it wave

O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

STIR YOUR STUMPS!— Let every Union man be on the alert from this time on until the election, next Monday. The politicians have tried to entrap you; but up and at them. *Don't fail to vote for referring the action of the Convention back to the people.* This is very important, unless you want to be swamped in taxes, dragged to war and all the horrors of revolution.—

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